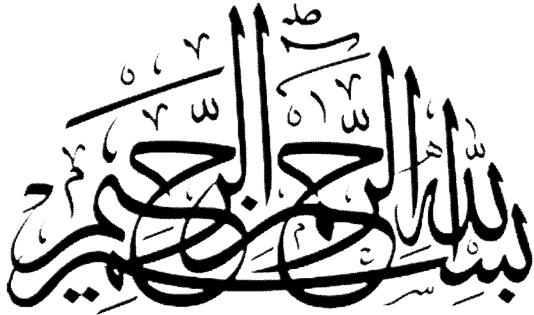


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Abu Talib and Bibi Khadija (RA.) were the main supporters of the Prophet Mohammed صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. It was so destined that they passed away within a few days of each other, leaving the Prophet Mohammed صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم to lament the bereavement. Prophet Mohammed صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم had lost a caring uncle and a loving wife.

The enemies were now relieved, because Abu Talib was no more to protect. A few days after Abu Talib's death, when the Prophet Mohammed صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم was once passing through a lane, a woman emptied her garbage from a window upon his head. He returned home

with his head soiled. His young daughter Fatimah sat beside him, consoling and washing off the dirt.

As things became intolerable in Makkah, the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ decided to move to Taif where he thought he would convey the message of Allah to the tribe of Thaqef. Taif was known for its pleasant climate and beautiful scenery.

The Prophet Mohammed ﷺ knew very well that people at Taif were no different from Makkans. They also worshipped idols and were in constant contact with the people in Makkah. But he did not despair. As he entered Taif, and proclaimed his prophet hood, people jeered at him. One said: "God did not find anyone else for His message except you?" Another said: "I must be naive or a thief if I believed you to be a prophet." And so it went on.

Then in order to prevent him from preaching Islam, people of Taif set a group of children and vagabonds behind him. They pestered him and threw stones at him. Tired, forsaken and wounded, he sought refuge in a nearby garden. It belonged to 'Utbah and Shayba Ibn Rabi'a sent, two wealthy chiefs of Quraish. They were both there when the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ

entered and sat under a distant tree. He was alone. Then he raised his face towards heaven and prayed:

"O Allah! I raise unto you my complaint for my weakness, my helplessness, and for the ridicule to which I have been subjected. O Merciful of all the Mercifuls! You are the Master of all oppressed people, You are my God! So to whom would You consign me? To the strangers who would ill-treat me, or to the enemies who have an upper hand over me? If whatever has befallen me is not because of Your wrath, then I fear not. No doubt, the field of Your security and care is wide enough for me. I seek refuge in Your light which illuminates darkness and straightens the affairs of this world and hereafter, that Your displeasure and wrath may not descend upon me. For the sake of Your pleasure, I remain pleased and resigned to my fate. No change in this world occurs without Your Will."

The Heavens were moved by the prayer and Jibrail (AS) appeared before Muhammad ﷺ , greeting him with Assalamu'alaikum and said, "Allah knows all that has passed between you and these people. He

has deputed an angel in charge of the mountains to be at your command."

Saying this, Jibrail (AS) ushered the angel before the Prophet ﷺ. The angel greeted him and said, "O, Prophet of Allah! I am at your service. If you wish, I can cause the mountains overlooking this town on both sides to collide with each other, so that all the people therein would be crushed to death, or you may suggest any other punishment for them."

Muhammad ﷺ said, "Even if these people do not accept Islam, I do hope from Allah that there will be persons from among their progeny who would worship Allah and serve His cause."

Atabah and Shaibah were watching Prophet Muhammad ﷺ making dua. They sent for their servant named Adaas and gave him a plate full of grapes. "Take this to that man under the tree," they ordered.

Adaas was a Christian. He brought the grapes to the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ and bid him eat. As the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ picked a bunch and said:

"Bismillahir Rahmaanir Rahiim," (In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate). Adaas had never heard this before. He was impressed by it, because the man was invoking mercy and compassion of Allah in spite of his desolate state.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I am the Prophet of God. Where do you come from?"

The servant said: I am Adaas, a Christian. I come from Nainava."

"Nainava? You come from a place where my brother Yunus bin Mati lived," the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ said.

Adaas was surprised to hear the name.

"What do you know of Yunus bin Mati? Here no one seems to know him. Even in Nainava there were hardly ten people who knew his father's name."

The Prophet Mohammed ﷺ said: "Yes, I know him because just like me, he was a Prophet of God."

Adaas fell on his knees before the Prophet

Mohammed (pbuh), kissed his hand and embraced Islam.

The Prophet ﷺ then returned to Mecca where the Quraysh were as bitterly opposed to him as ever, deriding, annoying and assailing him day after day.

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